

#### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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CHAIRPERSON Mrs. Eleanor R. Montaño

> VICE CHAIRPERSON Mr. Frank S. Bacio

Ms. Barbara Bigby Mr. Vito Cannella Ms. Rita Hall Mr. John A. Hammargren Mr. Carl E. Moore

# MINUTES OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING MARCH 4. 2009

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

# **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montaño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

# **ATTENDANCE**

Present
Chair Eleanor R. Montaño
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence Vito Cannella Frank Bacio

#### Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff.

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

#### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 25, 2009, were approved with no changes.

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# **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montaño reported on five (5) news articles:

- "Billing Halted; Legal Issues Raised", Los Angeles Times, February 27, 2009, regarding the Los Angeles Probation Department suspending billing for more than 100,000 former probationers because the public defender challenged the legality of many of the bills.
- "Officer's Use of Taser on 12-Year-Old Investigated", Los Angeles Times, March 2, 2009, regarding an investigation of an officer who used a Taser gun on a violent autistic twelve (12) year old boy.
- "Tasering of 12-Year-Old is examined", Daily Breeze, March 3, 2009, regarding the Hawthorne Police Department investigating whether one of its officers followed policy when he used a 50,000-volt Taser gun to subdue a 12-year-old autistic middle school student.
- "Parents of Boy Hit By Taser Angry at Police, Los Angeles Times, March 3, 2009, regarding the family of a 12-year-old autistic boy who was shot last year with a police stun gun at a Hawthorne middle school, accused police officials of removing their son from school in handcuffs days after the incident and subjecting him to an interrogation in retaliation for a misconduct complaint filed by the family.
- "County Spent \$13,000 to Chase \$1,004, Los Angeles Times, March 4, 2009, regarding Los Angeles County paying private lawyers nearly \$13,000 to pursue a \$1,004 debt owed by a Compton woman for her teenage granddaughter's detention.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

There was none.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

There was none.

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

# FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2009, TO MARCH 3, 2009

**Deliann Lucile Corporation – 14, #3 – Commissioners Hall and Moore** The facility was visited on February 26, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby
The facility was visited on February 26, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Needs camera in Printing Room; needs new floor padding in "Drunk Tank".

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**St Anne's Maternity Home – 55, #3 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaño** The facility was visited on March 3, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Washington Hancock Home – 62, #4 – Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on March 3, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future (Constance Home) – 8, #3 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on March 3, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

# **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was none.

# MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaño adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. in memory of Kenneth Otto Garner, Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division